

(b) whether it has come to their notice that the merchants selling foodgrains are refusing to give foodgrains on credit system ;

(c) whether they would make arrangements to keep sufficient amount of imprest money in the custody of the Block Development Officer to avoid such a difficulty ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) No.

(b) A few such instances have taken place.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Training in Canning and Food Preservation Works.

Q.—185. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have got any centres in the State for training of Housewives in Canning and Food Preservation works ;

(b) if so, which are they ;

(c) what is the amount spent on them for the last three years each year ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of Fruits and Vegetables in the State.

Q.—186. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state :—

(a) the estimated annual total quantity of Fruits and Vegetables grown in the State ;

(b) whether it is a fact that 15 to 20 per cent of the total quantity of the same is being lost in transportation because of the lack of developed transport system ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of the Marketing produce is not regularised a further loss is sustained at the producers' end towards the end of the season when less inclination is shown to collect those food items from the fields because of the low price ?